



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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FEB 3 2015

Dave Rabbe
Director, Environmental Remediation
Tierra Solutions, Inc
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Re: Lower Passaic River Study Area Removal Administrative Order on Consent, Index No. CERCLA 02-2008-2020; Newark Bay Study Area Administrative Order on Consent, Index No. CERCLA 02-2004-2010; and Combined Sewer Overflow/Storm Water Outfall Investigation Administrative Order on Consent, Index No. CERCLA 02-2011-2016

Dear Mr. Rabbe:

Pursuant to earlier conversations, this letter requests that Tierra Solutions, Inc. (Tierra) retain samples gathered in the course of sampling activities under the above-referenced Settlement Orders, until Tierra has transmitted and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed and accepted the validated results from the associated sampling event.

Archived samples should be maintained in the manner specified in the QAPP under which the samples were collected, even in cases where the holding time for analysis is exceeded, until such a time as approval for disposal of excess sample mass is obtained from EPA.

Please contact Elizabeth Butler, Eugenia Naranjo or Alice Yeh of my staff with respect to the three above-referenced Settlement Orders if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Basso".

Ray Basso

Director, Lower Passaic River Project

cc: P. Bluestein, Tierra
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